

Shore News Holiday Issue

South Patrick Residents Association
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SPRA MEMBERSHIP ALERT!

The SPRA Membership Year begins with the **Shore News Holiday Issue**. So, it's time to begin your SPRA Membership and become involved in the issues that impact our community. SPRA has worked to represent residents' interests since 1965 in government policies, providing information, and making improvements. SPRA also keeps Members updated during the year with emails and information as issues arise.

The \$20.00 Annual Membership Dues helps pay for printing and distribution of the Shore News and supporting projects like signs, landscaping, safety issues, and the annual Santa's Sleigh Ride. The Membership Form found, can be cut out and sent in the printed envelope found inside the Shore News. Or you may pay by using the PayPal option on the website at www.spranews.com under SPRA Membership. Join us at SPRA meetings to share your ideas and concerns and to support our community.

SANTA'S SLEIGH RIDE: December 16th, 17th, & 18th

SPRA's Santa's Sleigh Ride will leave Fire Rescue Station 62 on Sea Park Avenue at 6:00 PM each evening, and Santa will ride his sleigh atop the fire engine throughout South Patrick Shores. Watch for Santa in your area and enjoy the fun!

- **December 16th Area 1, 2, & 3:** NE 3rd to Exeter St. east of S. Patrick Drive; Arlington residences will view Santa at Berkeley & 3rd Ave.; Melody Estates residences will view Santa on Sea Park; North end of Melaleuca Dr. can view Santa at Sable Palm & Melaleuca Drive.
- **December 17th Area 4:** South Patrick Park; South Waterway; Tortoise View; & Tortoise Island
- **December 18th Area 5 & 6:** Moorings; Sleepy Lagoon – Red Sail Way; Lighthouse Landing, North Waterway; Waterway Townhomes can view Santa at Ibis & Skylark

Santa's Sleigh ride is sponsored by SPRA and Brevard County Fire Rescue Station #62. We provide volunteers to decorate and to provide Santa's candy. Donations and support are welcome. Contact: Bill Davis at bill.d@im.solutions

2024 CHRISTMAS BOAT PARADE: December 14th @ 6:00 PM

The Banana River Sail & Power Squadron (America's Boating Club) sponsors the Saturday, December 14, 2024 Christmas Boat Parade. All classes of boats are welcome, and no registration or fees are charged. All boats will proceed to the staging area at the north end of the Grand Canal and fall into line in time to start by 6:00 PM. The Satellite Beach Patrol Boat announces the start of the parade on VHF 71 and leads the parade, followed by Story Time, the Santa Claus boat. Communications will be on VHF channel 71, and VHF 16 will also be monitored.

The Parade route follows the Grand Canal southbound and circles Lake Shepherd clockwise. The Parade ends just north of Mathers' Bridge in the Banana River. Participants should: Obey all Rules of the Road; Proceed in single file with a safe distance between boats; and Maintain a speed of 4-5 mph (or as directed by the Patrol Boat). Call 321-220-7775 for more information.

SPRA ADVERTISERS: SPRA features advertising online at spranews.com. Ads are mailed to 4,200 addresses in the holiday Shore News, posted on the website, and linked to an advertiser's website. Ads vary in sizes and costs. Visit Advertising in the Shore News on the website or contact asamuelson@spranews.com

SPRA WEBSITE USEFUL LINKS: The Useful Links page at our SPRA website shows Brevard County information such as the Sheriff, Property Appraiser, Tax Collector, Supervisor of Elections, County Commissioners plus other information. You can find where you live on the SPRA Areas map and your Area Director's name and contact information under SPRA Officers & Directors.

SPRA Annual Community Meeting • David Schechter Center
Monday, February 10, 2025, 7:15 p.m.
SPRA, PO Box 372357, Satellite Beach, FL 32937

BOAT DOCK RENTALS

Residents are not allowed to rent out boat space to others for income. This is considered commercial use in residential zoning, and it would be subject to code enforcement action if a complaint is filed.

NO MOTORIZED VEHICLES SIGNS ON SIDEWALKS

Golf carts and LSVs (low speed vehicles) are not permitted to be driven on sidewalks in the South Patrick Shores. County signs have been placed in several areas that state that **No Motorized Vehicles are allowed.** This is a safety issue in accordance with both State and County laws. LSVs and Golf carts are not identical vehicles and do not share the same State and County requirements.

- A LSV has a top speed greater than 20 MPH, but not exceeding 25 MPH, which may be operated on roadways where the posted speed limit is 35 MPH or less. Florida requires LSV's to be registered, titled, insured, operated by a licensed driver, and equipped with safety equipment. **They must also display a Florida license plate.** The County follows the laws and regulations set by state statutes. (Fla. Stat 316.2122)
- A Golf Cart is not able to exceed 20 MPH and is designed for use on golf courses and for sporting and recreational purposes. Florida law requires the driver to be at least 15 years old and have a learner's permit or a license to operate a Golf cart on roadways, **ONLY IF** signage is posted along a roadway to allow Golf carts to safely use the road. **South Patrick Shores has no such signed roadways.** (Fla. Stat. 316.212; County 106-73)

MINIMUM WAKE ZONES ON CANAL WATERWAYS

Brevard County ordinance Chapter 122 and Fla. Stat. Chapter 327 deal with boats on our waterways. Operators must run boats at slow speed with minimum wake in our canals to protect lagoon life and property.

Slow speed/slow speed minimum wake zone: Slow speed/slow speed minimum wake means that vessels must be fully off plane and completely settled into the water. A vessel must also proceed at a speed that is reasonable and safe under the existing circumstances to avoid creating an excessive wake or a hazardous condition.

Waterways in the County: This means any navigable waters of the United States within the limits of Brevard County, and all inland lakes, rivers, and canals under the jurisdiction of the County. All watercraft shall not exceed slow speed. Especially during dredging, watch for submerged pipes and equipment which can damage your boat.

NORTH GRAND CANAL PROJECT

Brevard County Natural Resources Management provided an update on the progress of the North Grand Canal Project that began in 2017. As of October 14th, 416,301 cubic yards of muck have been removed from the Project area. The updated, estimated completion time for this Project is mid-year in 2027, although the County Commission approved the Temporary Use Agreement (TUA) for use of the Pineda facility until July 9, 2028. The FDEP Manatee Shutdown, requires a no dredging time period, which will occur from December 1, 2024 to March 15, 2025. Dredging is currently on schedule, but there are issues with boats that use so much canal space that they impede the dredging progress. Residents are notified to move such boats ahead of time, but not all respond.



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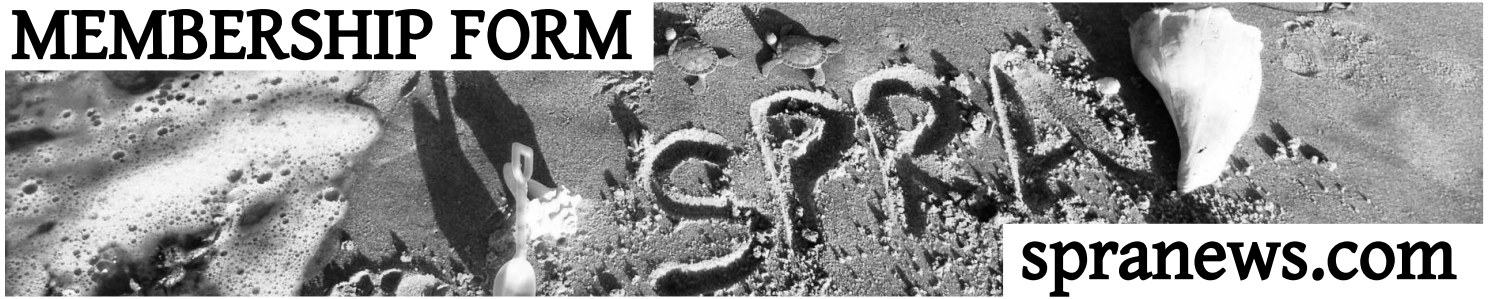
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MEMBERSHIP FORM



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The SPRA community gives a voice to your interests, informs residents, and makes improvements in our South Patrick Shores unincorporated area. SPRA Meetings are held on the 2nd Monday, at 7:15 PM inside the north entrance at the David R. Schechter Community Center, 1089 S. Patrick Drive. Our meeting Dates and Agendas are posted on the SPRA website at **www.spranews.com**. **Membership Dues** are \$20.00 per household. Fill out the SPRA Membership Form, and place the Form and Dues in the envelope provided OR use PayPal on the SPRA website Membership Page. Your Contributions are appreciated. Thank you for your support!

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Please write your check to SPRA & mail to PO Box 372357, Satellite Beach, FL 32937-0357

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ST. JOHNS RIVER WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT

In July 2021, SPRA made a request with the District 4 St. Johns River Water Management District (SJRWMD) is an environmental regulatory agency in Florida that was created to focus on ensuring that our water supply remains sufficient, as well as protecting and restoring the health of our water bodies above and below the ground, preserving natural areas, and properly preparing for and recovering from flooding events. The SJRWMD operates and maintains nearly 90 water control structures, including three navigational locks and some 300 miles of levees and canals. The main water body in the District is the northerly flowing St. Johns River. The District also includes the Indian River Lagoon, and represents 18 counties in northeast and east-central Florida, including Brevard County. Projects in our area that are led and managed by SJRWMD include the Crane Creek and the M1 Canal Restoration Flow projects. The M-1/Crane Creek Canal flood control feature in Brevard cuts through the drainage divide between the St. Johns River and the Indian River Lagoon, making this an important flood control feature. Water that accumulates in locations to the west of us can be sent into the Indian River Lagoon and can also impact our area. For more information about the St. Johns River Water Management District, visit their website: <https://www.sjrwmd.com/>

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Naval Air Station Banana River Off-Base Disposal Area Update: The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers is planning for the next phase of fieldwork, which will include digging test pits and collecting both soil and water samples based on the analysis from the ground penetrating radar data. They are coordinating with their team members on a contract modification. Once the modification is complete, they will be able to schedule the new fieldwork on the project. For further information on the Program, you may visit the project website at www.saj.usace.army.mil/BananaRiver, call 800.710.5184, or email FUDS.Florida@usace.army.mil

SR 513 DRAINAGE DITCH


There is concern about the abundant vegetation in the drainage ditch directly in front of Trinity Wellspring Church that may impede the water drainage in that location. This ditch is located along the west side of SR 513 south of Aruba Court and north of the Tortoise Island entrance. FDOT Brevard Operations stopped to assess the area and took photos of these drainage concerns and will investigate them further. FDOT was been evaluating ditches along SR 513 that may qualify for water drainage upgrades.

PROPERTY INSURANCE UPDATE


Review your the insurance coverage with your agent to make certain you have properly insured your home, as inflation in the construction industry continues to climb for material and labor.

Flooding coverage: Starting in 2025, if you have a Citizens policy and your Coverage A on the building is shown as \$500,000 or greater, you must buy flood insurance or Citizens will not renew your policy. You are not required to buy flood insurance if you are not insured by Citizens. Flood insurance rates are rising due to the increased number of flooding events, and the number of private flood insurance companies in the market place are also increasing. Theses companies can give options for expanded coverage for replacement cost on contents, other structures, loss of use, and coverage over \$250,000, which FEMA policies do not offer.


Wind coverage: Some clients decide to drop their wind coverage. But, be aware that dropping wind coverage means you are excluding damage from weather events such as: hurricanes, tropical storms, tornadoes, thunderstorms, hail, and the damage resulting from those events. If you are comfortable with a policy that excludes all weather, you can lower your premium about 50% of the current cost, but you must have your policy re-written and may be asked to obtain updated insurance inspections.



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